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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS THAT CHECKS HARDWARE RESOURCES  
BEFORE ACTIVATING HARDWARE-RELATED PROGRAMS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ Submitted herewith is a Japanese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. Also submitted is a PTO-1449 listing JP 10-83134 which corresponds to US 5,999,757 (all of them first cited).
- ☐ Online credit card payment is being made in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
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**CERTIFICATION**

- ☒ Reference JP 10-83134 in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☒ Reference US 5,999,757 was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56© more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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